



In the Name of Allah, the Most
Beneficent, the Most Merciful

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Conditions of Testimony

There are seven conditions of the Testimony of Faith in Allah known as "There is no God except Allah":

1. Knowledge of its meaning with both negative and affirmative aspects.
2. Certitude with perfect knowledge which negates all the doubts and suspicions about it.
3. Sincerity and purity of intention in contradiction to *shirk*.
4. Truthfulness which negates the falsehood and prohibits hypocrisy.
5. Love of and devotion to the Testimony of Faith and its requisites, and rejoicing at it.
6. Submission to its prerequisites which include obligatory acts of worship to be dedicated to Allah alone and seeking His pleasure.
7. Acceptance which in contradiction to rejection or denial of the testimony of faith.

Evidences from the Qur'ân and Sunnah

Evidence of Knowledge:

Allah the Almighty said:

[محمد: ١٩]

﴿فَاعْلَمْ أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ﴾

"So know (O Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم) that *La ilaha illa Allah*. (There is no true God but Allah)." (47:19)

And Allah said:

[الزخرف: ٨٦]

﴿إِلَّا مَنْ شَهِدَ بِالْحَقِّ وَهُمْ يَعْلَمُونَ﴾

"...Except those who bear witness to the truth (i.e. the Oneness of Allah), and they know (the facts about the Oneness of Allah)". (43:86)

'They know by their hearts what they utter by their lips.

On the authority of Uthman رضي الله عنه it is reported that Allah's Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

«مَنْ مَاتَ وَهُوَ يَعْلَمُ أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ دَخَلَ الْجَنَّةَ»

"Whosoever (of my followers) died knowing (fully well) that there is no true God but Allah, he would enter Paradise." (Bukhari, Muslim)

Evidence of Certitude:

Allah said:

﴿إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ ثُمَّ لَمْ يَرْتَابُوا وَجَاهَدُوا بِأَمْوَالِهِمْ وَأَنْفُسِهِمْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ أُولَئِكَ هُمُ الصَّادِقُونَ﴾ [الحجرات: ١٥]

"Only those are the believers who have believed in Allah and His Messenger, and afterward doubt not but strive with their wealth and their lives in the Cause of Allah. Those! They are the truthful." (49:15)

The condition of their belief in Allah and His Messenger was that they did not doubt or suspect. As for the doubtful, they are the hypocrites.

On the authority of Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه who said that Allah's Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

«أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَأَنِّي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ لَا يَلْقَى اللَّهُ بِهِمَا عَبْدٌ غَيْرَ شَاكٍ فِيهِمَا إِلَّا دَخَلَ الْجَنَّةَ»

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“I testify that there is no true God except Allah and that I am Allah’s Messenger. Any slave who will meet Allah with this testimony without any doubt in it will certainly enter Paradise.” (Bukhari)

In another version:

«لا يلقى الله بهما عبدٌ غيرَ شاكٍ فيهما فيُحَجَّبَ عن الجنة»

“Any slave who will meet Allah with this testimony without any doubt in it will not be kept away from Paradise.”

The part of a lengthy *Hadith* narrated by Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه is:

«مَنْ لَقِيَ مَنْ وَرَاءَ هَذَا الْحَائِطِ يَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مَسْتَقِينًا بِهَا قَلْبَهُ فَبَشَّرَهُ بِالْجَنَّةِ»

“Whom you meet behind this wall testifying that there is no true God but Allah, believing in it by his heart, give him glad tidings of entering Paradise.”

Evidence of Sincerity:

Allah the Almighty says:

﴿أَلَا لِلَّهِ الدِّينُ الْخَالِصُ﴾ [الزمر: ٣]

“Surely the religion (i.e. worship and obedience) is for Allah only.” (39:3)

And He says:

﴿وَمَا أُمِرُوا إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ حُنَفَاءَ﴾ [البينة: ٥]

“And they were commanded not but that they should worship Allah, being sincere in devoting the religion to Him.” (98:5).

On the authority of Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه who quoted Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم as having said:

«أَسْعَدُ النَّاسَ بِشَفَاعَتِي مَنْ قَالَ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ خَالِصاً مِنْ قَلْبِهِ أَوْ نَفْسِهِ»

“The luckiest person who will have my intercession (on the Day of Judgement) will be the one who said ‘There is no true God except Allah’ sincerely from his heart or soul.” Bukhari

Utban bin Malik رضي الله عنه narrated Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم as having said:

«إِنَّ اللَّهَ حَرَّمَ عَلَى النَّارِ مَنْ قَالَ: لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ يُبْتَغَى بِذَلِكَ وَجْهَ اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ»

“Verily Allah has forbidden the Hell-fire for those who say ‘There is no true God except Allah,’ seeking by this declaration the pleasure of Allah.” Bukhari

Nasai has collected in his book entitled *Al-Yum wal-Lailah* “the day and the night” a *Hadith* of two Companions who narrated that the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

«مَنْ قَالَ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ. لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ مُخْلِصاً بِهَا قَلْبَهُ. يُصَدِّقَ بِهَا لِسَانَهُ إِلَّا فَتَقَ اللَّهُ لَهَا السَّمَاءَ فَتَقَا حَتَّى يَنْظُرَ إِلَى قَائِلِهَا مِنْ أَهْلِ الْأَرْضِ. وَحَقَّ لِعَبْدٍ نَظَرَ اللَّهُ إِلَيْهِ أَنْ يُعْطِيَهُ سَوْأَهُ»

“Whoever (of my followers) said ‘*La ilaha illa Allah, wahdahu la sharika lahu, lahul mulk wa lahul hamd, wa huwa ala kulli shaien Qadeer*. (There is no true God but Allah. He is the only One Who has no partners with Him. For Him is the kingdom and to Him belong all praises. He is Omnipotent over everything)’ sincerely at his heart and testifying with his tongue, Allah will tear open the sky for this declaration, and He will look at the speaker among the

Publisher's Note

This brief treatise entitled *Religious Fundamentals* is based on the work of Sheikh-ul-Islam Muhammad bin Sulaiman At-Tamimi. It expounds *Tauhid*, *Shirk* and *Nifâq* from the Islamic point of view.

In the modern times in which atheism and apostasy are dominant, it is needed to resort to Islam so that we may save ourselves from the man-made philosophies which affect our monotheistic creed and cultural values.

Thus all of us should acquire knowledge of Islam and act upon it devoutly for Allah's pleasure. May Allah bless all those who contributed in bringing out the booklet.

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Three Basic Principles

The three basic principles of which every Muslim must be aware are:

Knowledge about his/her *Rabb* (Lord), knowledge about his/her religion (Islam) and knowledge about his/her Prophet (Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم).

If it is asked: Who is your *Rabb*? Your answer is: My *Rabb* is Allah Who created and reared me and all the worlds by His grace. My worship is solely for Him. In fact, there is none to be worshipped besides Allah.

If it is asked: What is your religion? Your reply is: My religion is Islam which implies submission to Allah by recognition of His Oneness, obedience to His Orders and avoidance of *Shirk* (polytheism) and its adherents.

If it is asked: Who is your Prophet? Your answer is : My Prophet is Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم , son of Abdullah bin Abdul Muttalib bin Hashim. Hashim was a Quraish tribesman and Quraish was an Arab tribe. The Arabs are the descendants of Isma'il, son of Ibrahim Al Khalil (the friend of) Allah. (may Allah's mercy and blessing be upon them and our Prophet).

Source of Religion

The source of religion depends on two things:

First:Enjoining the people to worship Allah Who is alone without partner, enticing others to do so, befriending them for it and regarding them as disbelievers if they renounce it.

Second: Warning against the *Shirk* in the worship of Allah, treating harshly for it, bearing hostility for it and regarding them as disbelievers who commit it.